

I used to be a sailboat cruiser. HAM operation can be extremely important to cruisers, sometimes life protecting. Many cruisers are older than 50 and despite plenty of time and effort they are unable to master the code and end up with relatively useless Technician licenses. While I agree there is still value to code capability, I think it is irrelevant for most people. Therefore I think a great compromise is to keep it for the Extra license but to eliminate the requirement for General.